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Lumber Industry in Hunan

- On 8 July 1953 transactions in pine lumber produced in Tungan (N 26-20, E 119-09) Hsien and Hungchiang (N 27-10, E 109-58) were under the control of Communist authorities. No individual dealings were permitted among the people formerly dealing in lumber. Lumber products in Tungan Hsien were shipped to Hengyang (N 26-56, E 112-35) and Ch'angsha (N 28-12, E 112-59) by the Communists, and lumber products in Hungchiang were shipped to Hankow. In early July there were large stockpiles of lumber in Hengyang, Ch'angsha, and Hankow.

Jasmine Production in Fukien

- In early July about 40 per cent of the farmers of Foochow and Ch'anglo (N 25-58, E 119-32) earned their living by growing jasmine. During the blossom season, which extended from the fourth to the eighth month of the Chinese Lunar Calendar, the jasmine was shipped to Foochow, where it was sold to the tea manufacturers for production of jasmine tea.
- In 1949 jasmine cost from two to three ounces of gold per 100 catties. Since the Communists occupied Foochow in 1950, jasmine has been controlled and could be sold only to the Chinese Tea Corporation or the cooperatives of the Farmers' Associations. These organizations fixed the price of jasmine at approximately 500 to 600 catties of rice per 100 catties of jasmine. As a direct result of this price-fixing measure the production dropped to 30 per cent of the production of the re-control period, and the living standard of the producers dropped correspondingly.

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